



## **FOX AND NYTVF BRINGING COMEDY PILOT OPPORTUNITY TO INDIE TV CREATORS**

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### ***Finalists from First Six FOX-NYTVF Comedy Script Contests to Compete for Chance to Develop Pilot Presentation for the Network***

[New York, NY, June 30, 2014] – Fox Broadcasting Company (FOX) and the NYTVF ([www.nytvf.com](http://www.nytvf.com)) today announced the seventh iteration of their annual FOX-NYTVF Comedy Script Contest. In celebration of the tenth year of the NYTVF, the indie TV organization and long-time network partner are inviting alumni from the previous years of the FOX competition to submit original concepts for consideration. Unlike in past years, only alumni will be eligible to participate, and the winning selection will be developed for pilot presentation for FOX in conjunction with the NYTVF.

“FOX has been a visionary and groundbreaking partner of the NYTVF since our founding, and this is a truly exceptional way to commemorate that relationship and our tenth Festival,” said NYTVF Founder Terence Gray. “To be able to offer a guaranteed development opportunity of this magnitude to an emerging writer is unprecedented and I’m thrilled that the NYTVF will be playing a role in the project’s development and production as we move forward.”

“FOX is so pleased to raise the bar with this year’s seventh annual FOX-NYTVF Comedy Script Contest, taking it beyond script development by ensuring that the winning script will be developed for pilot presentation,” said Suzanna Makkos, Executive Vice President of Comedy Development and Programming for Fox Broadcasting Company. “What a fantastic way to celebrate ten years of the NYTVF and to recognize and honor the humor, originality and passion of the NYTVF creatives, who so impress us and far surpass our expectations year after year.”

A screening committee of NYTVF officials will review the entrants, and narrow the pool down to five script packages, with these finalists then presented to FOX development executives. The winning selection will be selected by FOX, and then developed with the NYTVF as a five- to seven-minute pilot presentation.

Additionally, all five finalists will be invited to the 2014 New York Television Festival as Official Artists. During the Festival – which takes place October 20 through 25 in lower Manhattan – Official Artists will have the opportunity to participate in NYTVF Connect, an exclusive and comprehensive track that brings artists and top-tier entertainment executives together with multiple opportunities for pitching, networking, education and collaboration.

The FOX Comedy Alumni Program is the latest addition to the NYTVF's 2014 development slate, which now includes 14 partners offering a total of 22 deals thus far. Previously announced development partners, each guaranteed to award at least one deal to artists in NYTVF's community of independent TV creators, are: A&E, Channel 4, Comedy Central, FremantleMedia North America, FYI, HISTORY, Investigation Discovery, Lionsgate/Sea To Sky Entertainment, National Geographic Channels, SundanceTV, Travel Channel/ulive, truTV and WE tv. Additional partnerships are being announced leading into the Festival, with more information available at <http://www.nytvf.com/submit.html>.

### **About Fox Broadcasting Company**

Fox Broadcasting Company (FOX), a unit of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fox, is home to some of the highest-rated and most acclaimed series on television, including AMERICAN IDOL, THE FOLLOWING, NEW GIRL, GLEE, BROOKLYN NINE-NINE, THE SIMPSONS, FAMILY GUY and SLEEPY HOLLOW. FOX is the only network to ever rank No. 1 in the key adult demographic for eight consecutive seasons and continues to dominate all network competition in the more targeted Adults 18-34 and Teen demographics. FOX airs 15 hours of primetime programming a week, as well as major sports and Sunday morning news. "Like" FOX on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FOXTV](http://www.facebook.com/FOXTV) and follow the network on Twitter @FOXTV. For additional information about FOX, please visit [www.fox.com](http://www.fox.com).

### **About the NYTVF**

Established in 2005, the NYTVF constructs new and innovative paths of development and talent identification, while simultaneously complementing the traditional television development model. By partnering directly with networks, studios, production companies, digital platforms and brands, the NYTVF provides its Industry Partners with a streamlined development model, leveraging its vast creative community of over 14,000 independent producers and production companies, to create content with specific partners in mind. During the annual New York Television Festival – held each fall in New York City – the NYTVF brings together its top artists and industry decision-makers for a series of events designed to foster networking, collaboration and education. The Festival also marks the culmination of the organization's yearly development efforts and features screenings of top independent content, educational panels, fan events, red carpet premieres, and more. For more information on the NYTVF and the annual Festival, visit [www.nytvf.com](http://www.nytvf.com), and to learn about opportunities to submit for its year-round competitions, visit <http://www.nytvf.com/submit.html>.

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